

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15-20 (all of the pending claims) under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 15-20 of co-pending application 10/621,812 ('812). The '812 application was a continuation of the parent application 09/886,566. The '812 application was filed on July 17, 2003 with a preliminary amendment. In the preliminary amendment, the original application was amended to cancel claims 15-20. Therefore, the only claims ever pending before the U.S.P.T.O. in the '812 application were claims 1-14. Claims 15-20 were cancelled in the '812 application because the same claims were earlier filed in the present application as a divisional of the same parent application '566. On June 7, 2004 a Notice of Allowance was issued in the '812 application allowing claims 1-20. However, since claims 15-20 had been previously cancelled, it is believed by the undersigned that they will not issue in the '812 application. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 15-20 of the present application were not claimed in the co-pending '812 application and therefore should be allowed herein.

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